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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: FIFTH JOINT COMMISSION  
MEETING (01.00)

REF: A) MOSCOW 9396; B) STATE 136653

1. THE SOVIET TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF THE FIFTH JC  
MEETING (REF A) IS A VERY USEFUL DRAFT. WE STILL BELIEVE  
THAT A MEMO BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON AGREED SUMMARIES OF  
WORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS GIVEN IN THE INDIVIDUAL WORKING  
GROUP REPORTS IS THE BEST BASIS FOR THIS DOCUMENT. THIS  
WAS ESSENTIALLY THE UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH THE NOV. 3  
DRAFT WAS BASED.

2. A QUICK READING OF THE SOVIET DRAFT HAS RAISED THE  
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) THE NEW NAME FOR THE ELECTROMETALLURGY WORKING GROUP  
SEEMS INACCURATE.

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(B) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: THE WORKING GROUP MADE NO  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITS EXPERTS TO SERVE ON COMMERCE  
WORKING GROUPS.

(C) S&T INFORMATION: THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED  
TRANSFER OF THE COMMON COMMUNICATIONS FORMAT TO AN

INTERNATIONAL FORUM, NOT OBTAINING AN AGREED VERSION.

(D) WATER RESOURCES: TEXT OMITTS IMPORTANT REFERENCE TO USE OF PLASTICS IN CONSTRUCTION.

(E) CORROSION: US SIDE IS NOT YET PREPARED TO ACCEPT CORROSION AS THE SUBJECT OF A NEW WORKING GROUP, ALTHOUGH WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS THIS AT THE JC MEETING.

(F) SUBCOMMITTEE: THERE SEEMS TO BE CONFUSION BETWEEN ORGANIZATION BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIATS OF A MEETING OF SPECIALISTS AND FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMISSION TO LOOK AT REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES AND NEW FIELDS (REF B).

3. WE BELIEVE THE TWO FUNCTIONS REFERRED TO IN PARA 2F ABOVE MAY BE THE SAME. AT ANY RATE, THE US SIDE NOW PROPOSES THAT THE SECRETARIATS CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES FORESEEN FOR THE SUBCOMMISSION IN REF B.

4. OUR SUGGESTION FOR THIS PART OF THE MEMO FOLLOWS:

THE JOINT COMMISSION INSTRUCTED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO HOLD SPECIAL CONSULTATIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT COMMISSION WITHIN SIX MONTHS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING TASKS:  
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1) TO REVIEW THE REGULATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION APPROVED MARCH 21, 1973 AND TO SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS.

2) SPECIFICALLY, TO RECOMMEND PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF NEW PROJECTS, FOR ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS, FOR EVALUATION OF PROGRESS, FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROJECTS TO SELF-SUSTAINING COOPERATION OUTSIDE THE S&T UMBRELLA AND FOR TERMINATION, AS APPROPRIATE.

3) TO RECOMMEND PROSPECTIVE NEW PROJECTS FOR COOPERATION UNDER THE S&T AGREEMENT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION.

5. DEPT. WILL HAVE CLEAN US VERSION TO GIVE AYKAZYAN ON ARRIVAL. DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN PRESENT TEXT, WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTIES IN NEGOTIATING COMMON DOCUMENT SINCE WORKING GROUP REPORTS AGREED ON SUBSTANCE.

6. SOVIET DELEGATION HAS INDICATED IT WISHES TUESDAY, JULY 12 FREE. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF THIS PRECLUDES THEIR ATTENDANCE AT BUFFET DINNER HOSTED BY

ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MORRIS ON THEIR WAY TO DULLES  
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